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SUBJECT: RETURN OF PATHOLOGICAL SPECIMENS AND OTHER

A- BOMB RESEARCH MATERIALS TO JAPAN

REFS: (A) STATE 57584 (B) STATE 64380

SUMMARY: BRIEF LOW- KEY CEREMONY PLANNED AT FONOFF ON MAY 9
FOR TURNOVER OF MATERIALS. REQUIRE ADVANCE COPY OF
INVENTORY, END SUMMARY

1. EMBOFFS AND USFJ REP MET APRIL 23 WITH FONOFF FIRST NORTH
AMERICA DEP HEAD MATSUURA FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF PROCEDURES
FOR TURNING OVER TO GOJ SPECIMENS AND RESEARCH MATERIALS NOW
HELD BY AFPI. MATSUURA INDICATED THAT FONOFF HAD GIVEN
CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO EARLIER EMBASSY REQUEST THAT TURNOVER
BE SIMPLE AND LOW KEY IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE POSSIBLE ADVERSE
EXPLOITATION BY EXTREMIST ELEMENTS, AND HE THEREFORE PROPOSED
FOLLOWING SCENARIO, WHICH EMBASSY ACCEPTED.

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2. AROUND MAY 2 FONOFF WILL ISSUE BRIEF PRESS RELEASE NOTING THAT USG IS RETURNING MATERIALS TO JAPAN AND THAT THEY WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO GOJ CUSTODY ON MAY 9 BY COL. CEVEY. FONOFF HAS PROMISED TO GIVE EMBASSY COPY OF THIS RELEASE FOR CLEARANCE IN ADVANCE.

3. MATERIALS WILL ARRIVE AT TOKYO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT 1630 MAY 8 ABOARD NW 3 (PER REF B), AND WILL BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY TO CUSTOMS FOR ROUTINE CHECK. FOR THIS PURPOSE, DETAILED INVENTORY OF MATERIALS IS NEEDED IN ADVANCE. AFTER CHECK, MATERIALS WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO RESEARCH INSTITUTE, HIROSHIMA.

4. BRIEF CEREMONY TO TRANSFER CUSTODY OF MATERIALS FROM USG TO GOJ WILL TAKE PLACE AT 1100 ON MAY 9 AT FOREIGN MINISTRY. CEREMONY WILL LAST ABOUT TEN MINUTES AND WILL CONSIST OF COL. CEVEY PRESENTING CERTIFICATE AND INVENTORY TO GOJ REPRESENTATIVE, FONOFF FIRST NORTH AMERICA DIV HEAD FUKADA, REPRESENTATIVE OF HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTRY AND LOWER RANKING FONOFF MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE PRESENT, WITH TOTAL GOJ SIDE NUMBERING APPROXIMATELY SIX. USG WILL BE REPRESENTED BY GROUP OF SAME SIZE, HEADED BY CEVEY, EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY, USFJ REP, ETC. EITHER AT BEGINNING OR END OF CEREMONY, PRESS WILL BE PERMITTED INTO ROOM FOR PHOTO OPPORTUNITY.

5. FONOFF WISHES TO INVITE COL. AND MRS. CEVEY TO SMALL DINNER ON EVENING MAY 9. PLEASE INDICATE IF THIS IS ACCEPTABLE.

6. FONOFF APPRECIATES WILLINGNESS OF COL. CEVEY TO PROCEED TO HIROSHIMA FOR UNPACKING, INVENTORY AND EXPLANATION OF CATALOGUING SYSTEM ON OR AROUND MAY 11.

7. ACCOMMODATIONS FOR COL. AND MRS. CEVEY IS SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL RESPONDING TO CEVEY LETTER OF APRIL 16 TO ARMA COL. SWAFFORD.

8. ACTION REQUIRED: ADVANCE COPY OF INVENTORY AND FURTHER INFORMATION AS NOTED PARA 5 ABOVE. DECON 1-1-74
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